

**PUBLIC NOTICE FOR  
REAPPOINTMENT OF INCUMBENT MAGISTRATE JUDGE**

The current term of the office of United States Magistrate Judge Charles S. Coody is due to expire April 30, 2003. The United States District Court is required by law to establish a panel of citizens to consider the reappointment of the magistrate judge to a new eight year term.

The duties of a magistrate judge position include the following: (1) conduct of most preliminary proceedings in criminal cases; (2) trial and disposition of misdemeanor cases; (3) conduct of various pretrial matters and evidentiary proceedings on delegation from the judges of the district court; (4) trial and disposition of civil cases upon consent of the litigants; (5) examination and recommendation to the judges of the district court in regard to prisoner petitions and claims for Social Security benefits.

Comments from members of the bar and the public are invited as to whether the incumbent magistrate judge should be recommended by the panel for reappointment by the court and should be directed to:

Chair, Merit Selection Panel  
c/o Debra P. Hackett, Clerk  
U. S. District Court  
P. O. Box 711  
Montgomery, AL 36101-0711

Comments **must be received by March 31, 2003.**

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE MIDDLE DISTRICT OF ALABAMA

IN THE MATTER OF THE REAPPOINTMENT )  
OF CHARLES S. COODY AS FULL-TIME )  
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE )

**ORDER**

The current term of United States Magistrate Judge Charles S. Coody will expire on April 30, 2003. The United States Magistrates Act, 28 U.S.C. §§ 631, et seq., and regulations issued pursuant thereto by the Judicial Conference of the United States require that a panel of citizens be appointed to consider the reappointment of Magistrate Judge Charles S. Coody to a new term and to report their findings to the Court. Public notice is also required.

Accordingly, it is ORDERED that the Clerk of this Court cause to be published in The Montgomery Advertiser, The Dothan Eagle, and The Opelika-Auburn News, all daily newspapers in general circulation in this district, and The Alabama Lawyer, published by the Alabama State Bar, and to post in the Clerk's Office and on the court's Internet website, the attached notice.

A copy of this Order and attached Notice shall be provided to the Director of the Administrative Office of the United States Courts.

DONE this \_\_\_\_\_ day of January, 2003.

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CHIEF UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

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